

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of the claims replaces and supersedes all previous listings.

1-5. (Cancelled).

6. (Currently Amended) A packaging comprising:

a tray having a series of spaced apart sections, each spaced apart section being generally rectangular in shape and having a recessed compartment and an upper surface;

a sheet fixed in part to the upper surface of the tray having a plurality of tab portions that are not fixed to the tray thereby creating tabs, each tab portion corresponding to one of said spaced apart sections and having first and second ends, each said tab portion being graduated in width from the first end increasing in width to the second end, said first end being positioned in a corner of the corresponding spaced apart section, said tab portion having a length parallel to a length of the corresponding spaced apart section, and said second end being adjacent to the fixed portion of the sheet of the corresponding spaced apart section.

7. (Previously Presented) The packaging system as recited in claim 6, wherein each said second end has a width measured in a direction orthogonal to the length of said tab portion that is greater than or equal to one half a width of the corresponding spaced apart section.

8. (Previously Presented) The packaging system as recited in claim 6, wherein said spaced apart sections are formed in a matrix and said tab portions are formed in a center portion of said matrix such that tab portions for adjacent spaced apart sections are contiguous.

9. (Previously Presented) The packaging system as recited in claim 8, wherein the direction of the widths of the second end of each of the tab portions are substantial parallel to one another.

10. (Previously Presented) The packaging system as recited in claim 6, wherein perforations are formed in said sheet corresponding to each said tab portion such that a first edge of said tab portion is extended from the second end along a first outer side of the corresponding spaced apart section parallel to the length of the spaced apart section.

11. (Previously Presented) The packaging system as recited in claim 10, wherein perforations are formed in said sheet corresponding to each said tab portion such that a second edge of said tab portion extends from the second end of the tab portion to a second outer side of the corresponding spaced apart section, said second outer side being parallel to the first outer side.

12. (Previously Presented) A packaging comprising:

a tray having a series of spaced apart sections, each spaced apart section being generally rectangular in shape and having a recessed compartment and an upper surface;

a sheet fixed in part to the upper surface of the tray having a plurality of tab portions that are not fixed to the tray thereby creating tabs, each tab portion corresponding to one of said spaced apart sections and having first and second ends, each said tab portion being graduated in width from the first end to the second end, wherein each first end being positioned in a corner of the corresponding spaced apart section, and each said second end has a width measured in a direction orthogonal to the length of said tab portion that is greater than or equal to one half a width of the corresponding fixed apart section.

13. (Previously Presented) The packaging system as recited in claim 12, wherein said first end being positioned in a corner of the corresponding spaced apart section, said tab portion having a length parallel to a length of the corresponding spaced apart section, and said second end being adjacent to the sealed portion of the sheet.

14. (Previously Presented) The packaging system as recited in claim 12, wherein said spaced apart sections are formed in a matrix and said tab portions are formed in a center portion of said matrix such that tab portions for adjacent spaced apart sections are contiguous.

15. (Previously Presented) The packaging system as recited in claim 14, wherein the direction of the widths of the second end of each of the tab portions are substantial parallel to one another.

16. (Previously Presented) The packaging system as recited in claim 12, wherein perforations are formed in said sheet corresponding to each said tab portion such that a first edge of said tab portion is extended from the second end along a first outer side of the corresponding spaced apart section parallel to the length of the spaced apart section.

17. (Previously Presented) The packaging system as recited in claim 16, wherein perforations are formed in said sheet corresponding to each said tab portion such that a second edge of said tab portion extends from the second end of the tab portion to a second outer side of the corresponding spaced apart section, said second outer side being parallel to the first outer side.